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A Historical Geography of the British Colonies. Vol. VI. Australasia. By **J. D. Rogers.** Part I. Historical. viii and 308 pp., 9 Maps, and Index; Part II. Geographical. 132 pp., 13 Maps, and Index. H. Frowde, The Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1907.

Concise accounts first of the history and then of the geography of Australasia. The history is practically a condensed but still readable record of everything of large significance relating to Australasia. Among the best features of the book are the copious references to the literature of the subject in the form of footnotes. The two indices cover the contents minutely and the whole is an excellent handy reference volume, which usually points the way to sources from which further information may be derived.

Exercises and Problems in Physical and Political Geography. By **Alfred E. Logie.** 70 pp., Illustrations, and Index. A. Flanagan Company, Chicago.

This little book contains a large number of geographical problems to be solved only through reasoning processes. The powers of reason are thus exercised more than the faculty of memory. The problems (all in physical and political geography) are excellent; and they will suggest to teachers how they may be added to and indefinitely varied.

Deutsche Kolonien. Koloniales Lesebuch von Dr. Willy Scheel. viii and 226 pp., 1 Illustration and Index of Names. C. A. Schwetschke & Son, Berlin, 1907. (Price, M. 2.30.)

The book is a good example of a method the Germans are employing to spread knowledge of the colonies and of their importance to the Fatherland. It is a reader for the higher and the technical schools and for the people generally. Its contents consist of selections from the writings of colonial leaders whose descriptions of the various colonies and ideas of the methods and prospects of development are based upon their personal observations. In making selections for the book it is obvious that neither severely scientific or technical matter nor material that was merely popular would serve the purposes of the compilation. But Dr. Scheel found a happy mean, for all his selections are not only solid and authoritative, but also interesting and within the range of popular comprehension. The chapters cover all of the German colonies, and the volume concludes with brief reviews of each of them and an alphabetical list of place and other names with definitions.

Les Falaises de la Manche. Par **Jules Girard.** 194 pp. and numerous Illustrations. Ernest Leroux, Paris, 1907.

A study of that part of the coast of France on the English Channel, lying between the mouth of the Seine and the Bay of the Somme, about eighty miles. This shore is lined with cliffs as high as 400 feet in places, and much worn by the sea. The author describes the geology of the region, its physical forms, the natural influences that shape them, the movement of the sea along the coasts, and the work of the waves, the genesis of the beaches and shores, the extent and effect of littoral abrasion and the interpretation of the changes in the coasts.

French engineers have reason to believe that the annual wear of the coasts amounts to about seventy acres. What the sea wins from the land on one coast it loses on another.